

APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS

BEST TRACK - A subjectively smoothed path, versus a precise and very erratic fix-to-fix path, used to represent tropical cyclone movement, and based on an assessment of all available data.

CENTER - The vertical axis or core of a tropical cyclone. Usually determined by cloud vorticity patterns, wind and/or pressure distribution.

EPHEMERIS - Position of a body (satellite) in space as a function of time; used for gridding satellite imagery. Since ephemeris gridding is based solely on the predicted position of the satellite, it is susceptible to errors from vehicle wobble, orbital eccentricity, the oblateness of the Earth, and variation in vehicle speed.

EXPLOSIVE DEEPENING - A decrease in the minimum sea-level pressure of a tropical cyclone of 2.5 mb/hr for at least 12 hours or 5.0 mb/hr for at least six hours (Dunnavan, 1981).

EXTRATROPICAL - A term used in warnings and tropical summaries to indicate that a cyclone has lost its "tropical" characteristics. The term implies both poleward displacement from the tropics and the conversion of the cyclone's primary energy source from the release of latent heat of condensation to baroclinic processes. It is important to note that cyclones can become extratropical and still maintain winds of typhoon or storm force.

EYE - The central area of a tropical cyclone when it is more than half surrounded by wall cloud.

FUJIWHARA EFFECT - A binary interaction where tropical cyclones within about 750 nm (1390 km) of each other begin to rotate about a common midpoint (Brand, 1970; Dong and

Neumann, 1983).

INTENSITY - The maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface wind speed, typically within one degree of the center of a tropical cyclone.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND - The highest surface wind speed averaged over a 1-minute period of time. (Peak gusts over water average 20 to 25 percent higher than sustained winds.)

MONSOON DEPRESSION - a tropical cyclonic vortex characterized by: 1) its large size, the outermost closed isobar may have a diameter on the order of 600 nm (1000 km); 2) a loosely organized cluster of deep convective elements; 3) a low-level wind distribution which features a 100-nm (200-km) diameter light-wind core which may be partially surrounded by a band of gales; and, 4) a lack of a distinct cloud system center. Note: most monsoon depressions which form in the western North Pacific eventually acquire persistent central convection and accelerated core winds marking its transition into a conventional tropical cyclone.

MONSOON GYRE - a mode of the summer monsoon circulation of the western North Pacific characterized by: 1) a large nearly circular low-level cyclonic vortex that has an outermost closed isobar with diameter on the order of 1200 nm (2500 km); 2) a cloud band rimming the southern through eastern periphery of the vortex/surface low; 3) a relatively long (two week) life span - initially, a subsident regime exists in its core and western and northwestern quadrants with light winds and scattered low cumulus clouds; later, the area within the outer closed isobar may fill with deep convective cloud and become a monsoon depression or

tropical cyclone; and, 4) the large vortex cannot be the result of the expanding wind field of a preexisting monsoon depression or tropical cyclone. Note: a series of small or midget tropical cyclones may emerge from the "head" or leading edge of the peripheral cloud band of a monsoon gyre (Lander, 1993).

RAPID DEEPENING - A decrease in the minimum sea-level pressure of a tropical cyclone of 1.75 mb/hr or 42 mb for 24-hours (Holliday and Thompson, 1979).

RECURVATURE - The turning of a tropical cyclone from an initial path toward the west and poleward to east and poleward, after moving poleward of the mid-tropospheric subtropical ridge axis.

SIGNIFICANT TROPICAL CYCLONE - A tropical cyclone becomes "significant" with the issuance of the first numbered warning by the responsible warning agency.

SIZE - The areal extent of a tropical cyclone, usually measured radially outward from the center to the outer-most closed isobar.

STRENGTH - The average wind speed of the surrounding low-level wind flow, usually measured within one to three degrees of the center of a tropical cyclone (Weatherford and Gray, 1985).

SUBTROPICAL CYCLONE - A low pressure system that forms over the ocean in the subtropics and has some characteristics of a tropical circulation, but not a central dense overcast. Although of upper cold low or low-level baroclinic origins, the system can transition to a tropical cyclone.

SUPER TYPHOON - A typhoon with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 130 kt (67 m/sec) or greater.

TROPICAL CYCLONE - A non-frontal, migratory low-pressure system, usually of synoptic scale, originating over tropical or subtropical waters and having a definite organized circulation.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 33 kt (17 m/sec) or less.

TROPICAL DISTURBANCE - A discrete system of apparently organized convection, generally 100 to 300 nm (185 to 555 km) in diameter, originating in the tropics or subtropics, having a non-frontal, migratory character and having maintained its identity for 12- to 24-hours. It may or may not be associated with a detectable perturbation of the low-level wind or pressure field. It is the basic generic designation which, in successive stages of development, may be classified as a tropical depression, tropical storm, typhoon or super typhoon.

TROPICAL STORM - A tropical cyclone with maximum 1-minute mean sustained surface winds in the range of 34 to 63 kt (17 to 32 m/sec), inclusive.

TROPICAL UPPER-TROPOSPHERIC TROUGH (TUTT) - A dominant climatological system and a daily upper-level synoptic feature of the summer season, over the tropical North Atlantic, North Pacific and South Pacific Oceans (Sadler, 1979).

TYPHOON (HURRICANE) - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 64 to 129 kt (33 to 66 m/sec). West of 180 degrees east longitude they are called typhoons and east of 180 degrees east longitude hurricanes.

WALL CLOUD - An organized band of deep cumuliform clouds that immediately surrounds the central area of a tropical cyclone. The wall cloud may entirely enclose or partially surround the center.

APPENDIX B

NAMES FOR TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND SOUTH CHINA SEA

Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	
ANGELA	AN-gel-ah	ABE	ABE	AMY	A-mee	AXEL	AX-ell
BRIAN	BRY-an	BECKY	BECK-ee	BRENDAN	BREN-dan	BOBBIE	BOB-ee
COLLEEN	COL-leen	CECIL	CEE-cil	CAITLIN	KATE-lin	CHUCK	CHUCK
DAN	DAN	DOT	DOT	DOUG	DUG	DEANNA	dee-AN-na
ELSIE	ELL-see	ED	ED	ELLIE	ELL-ee	ELI	EE-lye
FORREST	FOR-rest	FLO	FLO	FRED	FRED	FAYE	FAY
GAY	GAY	GENE	GEEN	GLADYS	GLAD-iss	GARY	GAR-ee
HUNT	HUNT	HATTIE	HAT-ee	HARRY	HAR-ee	HELEN	HELL-en
IRMA	IR-ma	IRA	EYE-ra	IVY	EYE-vee	IRVING	ER-ving
JACK	JACK	JEANA	JEAN-ah	JOEL	JOLE	JANIS	JAN-iss
KORYN	ko-RIN	KYLE	KYE-ell	KINNA	KIN-na	KENT	KENT
LEWIS	LOU-iss	LOLA	LOW-lah	LUKE	LUKE	LOIS	LOW-iss
MARIAN	MAH-rian	MANNY*	MAN-ee	MELISSA*	meh-LISS-ah	MARK	MARK
NATHAN	NAY-than	NELL	NELL	NAT	NAT	NINA	NEE-nah
OFELIA	oh-FEEL-ya	OWEN	OH-en	ORCHID	OR-kid	OSCAR*	OS-car
PERCY	PURR-see	PAGE	PAGE	PAT	PAT	POLLY	PA-lee
ROBYN	ROB-in	RUSS	RUSS	RUTH	RUTH	RYAN	RYE-an
STEVE	STEEV	SHARON	SHAR-on	SETH	SETH	SIBYL	SIB-ill
TASHA	TA-sha	TIM	TIM	TERESA*	teh-REE-sah	TED	TED
VERNON	VER-non	VANESSA	vah-NES-ah	VERNE	VERN	VAL	VAL
WINONA	wi-NO-nah	WALT	WALT	WILDA	WILL-dah	WARD	WARD
YANCY	YAN-see	YUNYA	YUNE-yah	YURI	YOUR-ee	YVETTE	ee-VET
ZOLA	ZO-lah	ZEKE	ZEEK	ZELDA	ZELL-dah	ZACK	ZACK

* Name changes: MANNY replaced MIKE in 1991; MELISSA replaced MIREILLE, TERESA replaced THELMA in 1992, and OSCAR replaced OMAR in 1993.

NOTE 1: Names are assigned in rotation and alphabetically. When the last name in Column 4 (ZACK) has been used, the sequence will begin again with the first name in Column 1 (ANGELA).

NOTE 2: Pronunciation guide for names are italicized.

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APPENDIX C CONTRACTIONS

A-track	Along-track	ARGOS	International Service for Drifting Buoys	CPHC	Central Pacific Hurricane Center
AB	Air Base				
ABW	Air Base Wing	ATCF	Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecast (System)	CSC	Cloud System Center
ABIO	Significant Tropical Weather Advisory for the Indian Ocean			CSUM	Colorado State University Model
		AUTODIN	Automated Digital Network	DDN	Defense Data Network
ABPW	Significant Tropical Weather Advisory for the Western Pacific Ocean	AWDS	Automated Weather Distribution System	DEG	Degree(s)
		AWN	Automated Weather Network	DET	Detachment
ACCS	Air Control Center Squadron			DFS	Digital Facsimile System
		CCWF	Combined Confidence Weighted Forecast	DMSP	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
ACFT	Aircraft	CDO	Central Dense Overcast		
ADP	Automated Data Processing	CEC	Circular Exhaust Cloud	DOD	Department of Defense
AFB	Air Force Base	CI	Current Intensity	DSN	Defense Switched Network
AFGWC	Air Force Global Weather Central	CINCPAC	Commander-in-Chief Pacific (AF - Air Force, FLT - Fleet)	DTG	Date Time Group
AFTN	Airfield Fixed Telecommunication Network			EGGR	Bracknell Model
		CIV	Civilian	FBAM	FNOC Beta Advection Model
AIREP	Aircraft (Weather) Report	CLD	Cloud	FI	Forecast Intensity (Dvorak)
		CLIM	Climatology		
AJTWC	Alternate Joint Typhoon Warning Center	CLIP or CLIPER	Climatology and Persistence Technique	FNOC	Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center
AMOS	Automatic Meteorological Observing Station	CM	Centimeter(s)	FT	Feet
		C-MAN	Coastal-Marine Automated Network	GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
AOR	Area of Responsibility			GOES	Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
APT	Automatic Picture Transmission	CNOC	Commander Naval Oceanography Command		
ARC	Automated Remote Collection	CPA	Closest Point of Approach	GTS	Global Telecommu- nications System

HPAC	Mean of XTRP and CLIM Techniques (Half Persistence and Climatology)	MBAM	Medium Beta and Advection Model	NEXRAD	Next Generation Weather (Doppler) Radar
		MCAS	Marine Corps Air Station	NHC	National Hurricane Center
HF	High Frequency	MET	Meteorological	NM	Nautical Mile(s)
HR	Hour(s)	MIDDAS	Meteorological Imagery, Data Display, and Analysis System	NMC	National Meteorological Center
HRPT	High Resolution Picture Transmission	MIN	Minimum	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization	MINI-MET	Mini-Meteorological		
INIT	Initial			NOCC	Naval Oceanography Command Center
INST	Instruction	MISTIC	Mission Sensor Tactical Imaging Computer	NODDES	Naval Environmental Data Network
IR	Infrared	MM	Millimeter(s)		Oceanographic Data Distribution and Expansion System
JTWC	Joint Typhoon Warning Center	MOVG	Moving		
JTWC92 or JT92	Statistical-dynamical Objective Technique	MSLP	Minimum Sea-level Pressure	NODDS	Navy/NOAA Oceanographic Data Distribution System
JTYM	Japanese Typhoon Model	NARDAC	Naval Regional Data Automation Center	NOGAPS or NGPS	Navy Operational Global Atmospheric Prediction System
KM	Kilometer(s)	NAS	Naval Air Station		
KT	Knot(s)	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	NR	Number
LAN	Local Area Network			NRL	Naval Research Laboratory
LAT	Latitude	NAVOCEANCOM			
LLCC	Low-Level Circulation Center		Naval Oceanography Command	NRPS or NORAPS	Navy Operational Regional Atmospheric Prediction System
		NEDN	Naval Environmental Data Network	NSDS	Naval Satellite Display System
LONG	Longitude				
LUT	Local User Terminal	NEDS	Naval Environmental Display Station	NSDS-G	Naval Satellite Display System - Geostationary
LVL	Level	NESDIS	National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service	NSS	Northward-displaced, Self-sustaining, Solitary (monsoon gyre)
M	Meter(s)				
MAX	Maximum	NESN	Naval Environmental Satellite Network	NTCC	Naval Telecommunications Center
MB	Millibar(s)				

NWOC	Naval Western Oceanography Center	SFC	Surface	TOTL	Analog Technique based on all acceptable NWP basin analogs (straight and recurvers)
NWP	NorthWest Pacific	SGDB	Satellite Global Data Base		
NWS	National Weather Service	SLP	Sea-Level Pressure	TOVS	TIROS Operational Vertical Sounder
OBS	Observations	SPAWRSYSCOM Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command		TS	Tropical Storm
OLS	Operational Linescan System	SSM/I	Special Sensor Microwave/Imager	TUTT	Tropical Upper-Tropospheric Trough
ONR	Office of Naval Research	SST	Sea Surface Temperature	TY	Typhoon
OSS	Operations Support Squadron	STNRY	Stationary	TYAN	Typhoon Analog (Program)
OTCM	One-Way (Interactive) Tropical Cyclone Model	ST	Subtropical	TYMNET	Time-Sharing Network: Commercial wide area network connecting micro- and main-frame computers
PACAF	Pacific Air Force	STR	Subtropical Ridge		
PACMEDS	Pacific Meteorological Data System	STY	Super Typhoon	ULCC	Upper-Level Circulation Center
PACOM	Pacific Command	TAPT	Typhoon Acceleration Prediction Technique	US	United States
PCN	Position Code Number	TC	Tropical Cyclone	USAF	United States Air Force
PDN	Public Data Network	TCFA	Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert	USN	United States Navy
PIREP	Pilot Weather Report(s)	TCM-90	Tropical Cyclone Motion Mini-Field Experiment - 1992	VIS	Visual
RADOB	Radar Observation			WESTPAC	Western (North) Pacific
RECON	Reconnaissance	TD	Tropical Depression	WMO	World Meteorological Organization
RRDB	Reference Roster Data Base	TDA	Typhoon Duty Assistant	WRN or WRNG	Warning(s)
RRT	Rapid Response Team	TDO	Typhoon Duty Officer	WS	Weather Squadron
RSDB	Raw Satellite Data Base	TESS	Tactical Environmental Display System	X-track	Cross-track
SAT	Satellite	TIROS	Television Infrared Observational Satellite	XTRP	Extrapolation
SEC	Second	TOGA	Tropical Ocean Global	Z	Zulu time (Greenwich Mean Time/Universal Coordinated Time)
SDHS	Satellite Data Handling System	COARE	Atmosphere Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment		

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